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SUBJECT: FULLY ARMORED CHRYSLER

REF: STATE 253847

IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, LISTED BELOW ARE ANSWERS TO THE
QUESTIONS RE THE USE OF FULLY ARMORED CHRYSLER BY COM:

1. CURRENT MILEAGE: 5,531

2. EVALUATION OF CURRENT CONDITION: EXCELLENT

3. FREQUENCY OF USE BY COM:

A. VEHICLE IS USED QUITE FREQUENTLY BUT ON A SELECTIVE
BASIS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL AND IS ONE OF TWO VEHICLES
SWITCHED AT ODD INTERVALS FOR DECEPTION PURPOSES.
ALTHOUGH NOT IN CONTINUOUS USE, VEHICLE IS VITAL IN
PLANNING COM MOVEMENTS.

B. POLITICAL CLIMATE OF MOVEMENT AS WELL AS SPECIFIC
SECTION OF CITY OR REGION TO BE VISITED DETERMINES
FREQUENCY OF CHRYSLER USE FOR PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION.
CONSIDERABLE COM MOVEMENT OCCURS DURING HOURS OF
DARKNESS AND THE FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE DURING THESE
PERIODS IS CRITICAL.

C. VEHICLE HAS BEEN USED ON TWO TRIPS BY COM TO GUADALAJARA
AND NUEVO LAREDO. IT IS EXPECTED IT WILL ALSO BE

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USED ON FUTURE TRIPS TO HERMOSILLO, GUADALAJARA ETC.

AS WELL AS FOR TRAVEL IN THE CITY.

4. ASSESSMENT CURRENT AND FUTURE THREATS AGAINST COM DICTATES
THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE FULLY ARMORED CAR: THE THREAT LEVEL
IN MEXICO DURING PAST YEAR HAS REMAINED HIGH. NO SIGNIFICANT
CHANGE ANTICIPATED IN FORESEABLE FUTURE. MEXICO IS IN THE
PROCESS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND THE UNPREDICTABLE
ACTIONS OF MILITANT DISSIDENTS IN PERIOD AHEAD CAN NOT BE
MINIMIZED IN SECURITY PLANNING. TERRORISM IS NOW PART OF
POLITICAL FABRIC OF COUNTRY AND SECURITY PLANNING AT ALL
TEN POSTS HAS BEEN BASED NOT SO MUCH ON WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN,
BUT RATHER ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND WAYS TO PREVENT ITS
RECURRENCE. THE POST STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AGAINST REMOVAL
OF THE CHRYSLER.
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